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All systems are go -- to Grand Rapids for April 23 and 24, and especially for Mich-TAMS members on April 24. Many members of Mich-TAMS will be there both days, some at bourse tables, some will exhibit and some will go to search for goodies. The meeting for us will be on Sunday from 10:00 AM on.

We are scheduled for room 222 in the Pantlind Hotel for 10:00 AM according to State Secretary Florence Schook of MSNS. Through the cooperation of Harold Kotesky #408 we are to have the room for the rest of the day on Sunday, for our meeting and for our swapmeet.

A letter from Pres. Paul Cunningham states "a 12:00 meeting" so if distance causes you to run a little late for the 10:00 o'clock opening you won'h have to worry about missing the meeting. Bring your trading books and swap and visit.

A beautiful award is ready for the best token exhibit according t Paul, and our cost is slight.

The annual spring show of the Mich State Numismatic Society is held out state, and for 1977 we are grateful to the Grand Rapids Club for hosting this event. The Pantlind Hotel is downtown Grand Rapids. It is easy to locate Monroe Avenue, and the hotel is on Monroe betwee Lyon and Pearl Sts.

OUR HERITAGE -- TO BE FREE

If you were on hand at the Spring Show of the East Detroit Coin Club on March 13, and run the press to strike your own medal, or if you bought one which was struck there that day, you have already read that message OUR HERITAGE/ TO BE FREE. Between these words the American eagle has a monogrammed letter E, for East Detroit, on the shield on the front of the eagle. This medal, struck on copper, on a rather thick planchet, is beautiful, and was designed especially for the occasion. This occasion was the honoring of 21 years of the Mich Stat Numismatic Society, as the obverse shows. The Msns emblem, over a map of Mich, has in a small wreath "21 Yrs." Small letters in the outside border at the top are EDCC. At the bottom is the date 1977.

Officers and governors, past and present, of the MSNS, together with State Senator Joseph M. Snyder of St. Clair Shores and State Rep. Gilbert DiNello of East Detroit, formed a line up to the coin press to strike his or her own coin. Eash coin has a serial number on its edge. JAMES J CURTO #5, first president of MSNS, led the line. Florence Schook managed with just a tiny bit of help, Ray Olson did OK, Al Bobrofsky did OK, Dorothy Bigham said she had to have help on that las heavy push of the press handle. First president of the East Detroit Club, John Drazen, in 1958, was in the line. Peter Yatros got there i time also. Our hats are off to this fine club, to president, Lucien Chojecki, to club officers, and especially to Ralph Schwartz (page 3)

OUR HERITAGE (from page 1)

who cut the die, and also who made the press. Jerry Parsons was agai one of the overseers. Mrs. Schwart and Jane Bishop handled the sales. In the production end was ~~Jax~~ Jim Zabowski assisted by David Schwartz and Ricky Tucker. And helping much of the day to push that press handle was Peter Kasap. Truly a club project.

Al Bobrofsky, later in the day, was asking the size of the medal. No one had a metric rule at hand, but Florence Schook quickly if it wouldn't be mentioned in the Junk Box, and Chester Clark said it woul be. The round copper is 31½mm, Al.

East Detroit Club officers, Vernon and Lillian Dupee, our Mich-Tammers #223 and #369, worked all day for the club. They even asked if their Club could have a membership in Mich-TAMS. They signed up and that membership is now #501.

All 1977 Spring Show medals personally struck, or purchased there later that day, were recorded. Some persons acquired the same number they acquired on a previous show medal. Most of the medals being struck during the "lineup" were running between 100 and 200, the lower numbers having already been struck to ~~match~~ match numbers from previous shows.

MICHIGAN MERCHANT MONEY

Remarkable -- a large listing of Michigan trade tokens! Always a collector of any collectible is in search of some kind of reference material, a listing by number whereby a certain item may be identifie with another person's study of that item. In Michigan and out of sta there are many collectors of Michigan trade tokens, tokens used by merchants as money, and now these collectors have a listing to refer to. At least we have a start. There will always be additions, corrections, and serious discussions and opinions which may differ between collectors. A listing, however, often starts the ball rollin for further research and enlightenment of a certain token.

Paul and Sue Cunningham, our new president and treasurer, must have spent hours attributing, researching, compiling, and typing this list - a listing of their own collection. This large stack of loose sheets of mimeo, or duplicator, paper is here -- and all for a dollar Think of the contribution this young couple has made to our hobby. W thank you, Paul and Sue. In a comparitive short time of collecting you have scanned, sorted, searched for, and seen more tokens of Mich. than most of us see in a lifetime. Your boxes and cannisters of toke at coin shows and flea markets, your large mail bid auctions on a national scale, and your visits to other states have all contributed to this list we now have.

The list is intriguing and one finds himself or herself going back to investigate it time and again. Is my token mentioned? Where is that town? Can this be true? Etc. Some commonly known Michigan towns are unlisted such as Oxford, Vassar, Pinckney. Collectors know of no tokens from a town -- such as Pinckney. Or maybe a rare one such as Vassar. A token may be listed which is questionable as to whether or not it is from Mich. -- such as Brighton 85 H ? A, the Brighton Hotel. Paul lists a "50" as 26½mm. Ones your editor have seen are "25" and 23mm.

The following towns listed cause one to grab his atlas or other Mich. reference: Bryan (see Pike Lake) in Mackinac County, and how much good would a 1¢ token be in a lumber company on today's market, Buena Vista and Burt, both in Saginaw County, Conklin in (page 5)

MICH-TAMS MAIL BID #9

Closing date May 3. Mail your bids to editor, Chester F. Clark, 3367 Jewell Road, Howell, Mich 48843.

Lot #

1 V.F.W. NATIONAL HOME/CHRISTMAS 1933//"HELP THE KIDDIES"/GOOD LUCK TO YOU AND YOURS. Young girl obverse. 26mm brass.
2 Nedick's Nickel (Phila Pa) G/F 5¢ on food or drink. Alum 19mm
3 Spur filling stations, ¼¢ round alum 19mm.
4 Cuban Refugee Medal, CRUSADE TO FREE CUBA, April 1961, BU light brass 37mm, soldier w/gun.
5 Hamady Food Centers (Flint Mich) 1¢ food stamp credit, white letters on black plastic, 28mm.
6 Amherst NY Sesqui 1968 BU antique bronze, spread eagle, 35mm.
7 NIC-L-SILVER BATTERY, 1950 AU 38mm, G/F $1, nickel.
8 Muskegon Mich, foundry co. check, Campbell-Wyant-Cannon, incuse number 183, 35mm AU brass.
9 American Legion, 20th Anniv Armistice Day, 1938, 29mm brass.
10 Early adv piece, White Sewing Machine, THE WHITE IS KING, TREADLE machine pictured, Cleveland O. USA, some wear, 34mm alum.
11 Mini-coins, 3 pcs, 1913 V nickel, 1804 silver dollar, 1877 I. H. cent w/Independence Hall rev, 10 and 8mm.
12 British tokens, 2 pcs, BELL-FRUIT LTD/ E / NOTTINGHAM, same on re and letters P. E., same rev, 20mm & 18mm, both nickel, fine.
13 Antique Car Coin Collection, 25 pcs unc alum in folder, autos fro 1901 to 1925, Franklin Mint, all 26mm.
14 Landmarks of America, Sunoco Coin Game set 20 pcs unc alum comple 26mm each pc, in folder.
15 50 states bronze set, each pc shows map and feature obv, history and info rev, 49 pcs, 8th state missing, unc 26mm, min bid $12
16 Presidential set, 26mm bronze unc, 36pcs complete thru Nixon, portrait on each obv, history on rev, min bid for set $9.
17 Martin Luther King memorial, Nobel Peace Prize Recip., BU bronze, 26mm, portrait obv.
18 The Ship that Founded a Nation, The Mayflower, 250th Anniv, 1970, heavy 3mm thick nickel 41mm Unc, beautiful.
19 Nazi token, eagle in flight w/swastika, large hole 12 o'clock, zinc?, rev has number 43 stamped in, some corrosion.
20 BOSTON COMMON TERCENTENARY, 1935 28mm nickel Unc, Mass pine tree shilling rev.
21 Yellowstone Nat Park, BU alum 40mm, Old Faithful obv, running buc rev.
22 Sand Lake, Mich Centennial, 1969, 34mm BU golden bronze, cov wago
23 Mt Morris, Mich Centennial, 1967, 34mm half dollar bronze, some tarnish, wheat stem and industrial gears.
24 United Nations Papal Medal, Oct 1965, PAVLVS VI PONT MAXIMUS, portrait, 29mm golden bronze BU.
25 Stillwater Minn, Mississippi River record flood, 1965, BU 34mm golden bronze round, picture & story.
26 Sir Henry Morton Stanley, 1841-1904, memorial, portrait, single word STANLEY below, British Arms rev, holed 32mm alum worn
27 Ferry token, Istanbul (Turkey), MEMUR I, fine, 24mm bronze.
28 Okla Sales Tax token, "1", white plastic, Old Age Assistance.
29 Calif Gold replica 1855 octagon ½ dollar w/animal, 12mm unc.
30 JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY memorial 1963, 40mm BU heavy bronze.

(End of Sale - Bid Now)

Ottawa County, Michelson in Roscommon Co. (75 persons in 1930), Moreli (where the heck in Mich. is this?), Palatka, near Caspian in Iron Co., Palo in Ionia Co., Smyrna also in Ionia Co., Thompsonville in Benzie Co. which Paul says is now a ghost town, Ubly, Vandercook Lake, and then there is Vickeryville in Montcalm Co. And when you see West Neebish you wonder -- if Neebish had 55 persons in 1930, how many did unlisted West Neebish have in 1930? I mean it was unlisted in the road atlas -- Paul does list the token. Thanks again, Paul & Sue.

STREET NAMES ON DETROIT MAVERICKS

by Raymond Olson LM#8

One of the challenging tasks in collecting tokens is that of identifying the numerous mavericks one encounters. A maverick token is one which does not bear the name of the city or town where the to-e originated.

My collection of Mic higan tokens includes about 650 different Detroit tokens, of which a large proportion are attributed mavericks. Before I decided to write this article, the thought occurred to me tha perhaps a listing of streets that have been found on Detroit maverick tokens might be useful. I planned to include a summary of street name from a number of larger Michigan cities such as Ann Arbor, Battle Cree Flint, Kalamazoo, Lansing, and Saginaw -- cities large enough to have had a number of tokens identified by street names. However, when I compiled the names of streets from Detroit alone they became so numerous that I decided to prepare a second article including the remaining cities named above.

This compilation includes only Detroit MAVERICKS. If a token is identified by the name Detroit it is not included. You may be surpris that from my collection I have compiled a list of over 100 streets appearing on Detroit mavericks. As you might guess, the street names appearing most frequently are the streets that were most important in that period of Detroit's history when token usage was at its peak. At the top of the list is Woodward which was found 32 times, followed by Michigan (17), East Jefferson (15), Mt. Elliott (15), and Grand River (14). This compilation does not include the various denominations or different issues of a token. Each business location is included only once regardless of the number of tokens issued at that particular address.

Likely the list is not complete, and any additional information will be appreciated. A word of caution may be appropriate. Do not assume that the appearance of a street name, on the list, assures that it is a Detroit token. Some names of streets are very popular. Stree named Michigan are in Ann Arbor, Battle Creek, Flint, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Muskegon, Pontiac, and Saginaw, to name a few. Fo final confirmation it is usually necessary to consult the appropriate Dun, Polk, or other directory.

Detroit street names found on Detroit maverick tokens are:

Alter Rd. - 1	Bates - 1	Cameron - 1
Anstcel - 1	Beaubien - 1	Canfield - 1
Arndt - 1	Bellevue - 1	Chalmers - 2
Ash - 1	Boone - 1	Charles - 1
Bagley - 1	Broadway - 2	Charlevoix - 7
Baker - 2	Buchanan - 1	Chene - 4
Bangor - 1	Cadillac Square - 1	Clay - 5

Clifford - 1
Conant - 3
Congress - 4
Davison - 1
Dayton - 1
Division - 1
Dix - 1
Du Bois - 1
Elmwood - 1
Farmer - 2
Farnsworth - 1
Fenkell - 4
Forest - 2
Fort, E. & W. - 8
Fourteenth - 1
French Rd. - 1
Fullerton - 1
Grand River - 14
Gratiot - 10
Grand Blvd., E. - 2
Grandy - 1
Greeley - 1
Greenfield - 1
Griswold - 3
Hamilton - 1
Harper - 6
Hart - 2
Hastings - 1
Helen - 1
Holcomb - 2
Howard - 2
Jacobs - 1
Jefferson, E. - 15
Jefferson, W. - 2
John R - 1
Jos. Campau - 5
Joy - 1
Junction - 3
Kercheval - 6
Lafayette - 1
Larned - 2
Lemay - 1
Livernois - 2
Lycaste - 1
Lynwood - 1
Mack - 7
Manistique - 1
Maybury Grand - 1
Macomb - 2
McClellan - 1
McDougall - 1
McGraw - 1
McNichols - 2
Michigan Ave. - 17
Military - 1
Milwaukee - 2
Monroe - 3
Moran - 3
Mt. Elliott - 15
Myrtle - 1
Oakland - 1
Orleans - 2
Palmer - 1
Pennsylvania - 1
Plum - 1
Proctor - 1
Randolph - 2
Russell - 4
St. Antoine - 3
St. Aubin - 4
Schaefer - 1
Second Blvd. - 4
Shelby - 1
State - 2
Theodore - 1
Toledo - 1
Trowbridge - 1
Trumbull - 3
Van Dyke - 3
Vernor - 6
Warren, E. & W. - 9
Washington Blvd. - 1
Waterman - 1
Westminster - 1
Woodrow Wilson - 3
Woodward - 32

FREE CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE - Trade Tokens of Illinois book almost sold out. $12.50 pp. Ore H. Vacketta, Box 3, Westville, Ill 61883.

WANTED - Indiana tokens. I have a few Charlotte Mich to trade, or will buy. Also wish to buy fakes, KKK, Car Wash, Moose Lodge tokens. Jack Smith, Box 26423, Lawrence Ind 46226.

WANTED - One Editor for this Junk Box, the quarterly publication of Mich-TAMS. No experience necessary. Learn as you enjoy. Write president, Paul Cunningham, Box 1, Tecumseh Mich 49286.

SUE GIVES NOTICE

Our new treasurer has been at work, updating our membership list. We have been mailing the Junk Box regularly to about 200 members on the editor's list. Now this is what Sue writes:

"NOTICE: As of March 25, only 37 members have paid their 1977 dues. Of this number 11 are life members. A membership roster will be printed in the July issue of the Junk Box and all members who have not paid their dues by that time will be dropped from the mailing list. Pay your dues now by sending $2.00 (per year) to treasurer, Susan Cunningham, Box 1, Tecumseh Mich 49286."

A HOG FROM NEW YORK CITY

A year ago in the April '76 Junk Box a mini-article about A Hog in A Cornfield caused some fun and some questions. The story was about the boy (page 7)

who found the "Hog Dollar" in the cornfield with a metal detector. One member, Clarence Ziegler LM#9, sent Xerox copies of a Redbook page and lot #924 of the May 28, 1976 mailbid sale of Joe Lepczyk #457. Clarence thought, from the scanty info we had, that the piece was the real Sommer Islands shilling or hog dollar, and that the three folks who offered from $3 to $10 for the "coin" were trying to take advantage of the boy. Now a year later we have seen the piece again, have some more info, but not yet enough. The obverse of this silver-dollar size medal, believed to be silver, shows SOMMER ISLANDS/XII/(a "portrait" of a hog facing west)/NIEUW AMSTERDAM/MCMIX (1909)/1 DAALDI The reverse is identical to the Hendrik Hudson Daalder of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration of 1909, H & K #369.

Sommer Islands are now called Bermuda. The first settlement there was in 1609 when Sir George Somers was shipwrecked there. It is believed that Juan Bermudez stopped there earlier in 1515, that some of his cargo of hogs bound for the West Indies were left behind, and that the islands were overrun with hogs when Somers arrived. They were welcome food for Somers crew.

The same year, 1609, brought the discovery of the Hudson River. The Hudson and Fulton dollars of 1909 were issued by Thomas L. Elder, NYC coin dealer and "prolific striker of medals", were designed by Frank C. Higgins, and struck by Medallic Art Co.

New York City was earlier called New Amsterdam. Now with this much info may we possibly assume that this "hog dollar" is an unlisted Elder piece of the Hudson-Fulton 300th Anniv Celebration of 1909? Has any one of our members seen such a piece? If so what is its value? A copy of this Junk Box will go to Mike Hays in Fowlerville Mich, the boy who dug up this puzzler. A photo of the Hendrik Hudson daalder appears in the March 23, 1977, Coin World.

WORTHY OF MENTION

REMUS, MICH has already issued some pieces for its coming 1977 Centennial, according to our faithful "reporter" George Stenson #310 who received some from Norman Peterson LM#2:

25¢ wood quarter (five nickels), bearded man rev, obv says Get Involved/REMUS/AREA/CENTENNIAL/1877-1977 Redeemable at/Centennial Head quarters/On or Before/July 30, 1977. $1.00 Souvenir Medal with Conestoga Wagon rev. $1.25 medal (same) in form of a keychain.

A brass trade token, believed to be MIO, MICH., recently changed hands for $2.50. The 25mm round, unlisted by Cunningham, is CHAS. R. STITT/MIO//G/F/5/Cents/In Trade.

An Indian Head on a coin or token is considered the obverse. Wel not quite, not on a Civil War Storecard Token. Among CWST collectors the merchant's "card" is listed as the obverse, and the Indian Head is the reverse. Most of these bear the date of 1863, but reverse die #10 has the date of 1861, 3 dies have 1862, a few have 1864, a few no date at all, and 1 die, #1059 bears a date of 10 years later, 1873.

BOB HITESMAN #437 of Battle Creek sent in a rubbing of an early (1907) Saginaw Semi-Centennial piece, and inquires more about it since he has never seen it listed by anyone. The 31mm bronze, with map of Mich and ALWAYS WELCOME AT/SAGINAW, is also called on the rev a GOLDEN JUBILEE. A very few are around, Bob, and one with AU obverse and badly stained rev brought $2.10 in Cunningham's Dec 28th auction.

The recently circulated mini-coins, the 1804 dollar and 1913 V-nickel, were especially well struck, but look at the V-nickel very closely. "Liberty" is smiling, so, what's so funny?

WHAT DID IT BRING?

Mailbid auctions with many tokens and medals, and other exonumia, have proven very popular in the very recent years. George Rinaland #151, in his 69th auction estimated an original square piece of lead from Abe Lincoln's coffin, diestamped in the center, and a 4x1" piece of wood from Washington's coffin, would bring $100. each. They brought $305. and $410. Joe Lopczyk #457, in his Jan/77 auction for the Greater Houston Show, listed a PHILIPPINES-Japanese QM Corp Medal of WWII. It brought $60. His Puerto Rico Hacienda token brought $9.50. Six better grade Wash. medals brought $30 to $95.

Paul Cunningham, in his 18th auction, listed a half dozen horsecar trans. tokens from MN, NY, TN, WS, which realized $16. - $45. His encase 1896 dollar, Cutty Sark Scotch Whiskey brought $27.50, encased large Can. cent $18.10, Lewis & Clark Expo encased IH $17.73, and AYP Expo 1909 IH $25.10. The Pres Coin & Antique auction in Va of Dec 5th brought $2100. for a U. S. Grant Indian Peace Medal, $2450. for an Eisenhower 1953 gold medal. Both were estimated lower.

Paul White #491, in his Fayville Coin & Token Co. auction #7, had some 30 love tokens, mostly minimum bid of $4, bring from $5.50 to $11.28. His Marion, Ohio, 1922 Centennial medal brought $5.10, and there is a story here. A couple of years ago Editor Chester Clark saw one of these at a coin show, the 2 portraits for Marion's 100 years being Warren Harding & Eber Baker. That last name Eber Baker wouldn't be too familiar, but Chester knew an Eber Baker in Howell Mich so got the medal. Well, Eber Baker in Howell didn't know the Eber Baker of Marion, but mentioned that Esther Clark in Howell had once asked him about Marion Ohio. Truth is stranger than fiction, and Esther Clark, her daughter Rebecca Hewlett, and Chester Clark are all officers of the Livingston County Hist Soc. Esther and Chester are not related. Esther said "Eber Baker - why, if you go thru the main part of Marion you have to circle around his statue. He was the founder of Marion, and a grandfather of my husband Sidney." Since then Rebecca asked Chester to get her a medal of her grandfather's (no, great-grandfather's) portrait. He finally did, from Massachusetts.

PLAINS OF DURA - OTHER TIDBITS

This winter, while using the atlases for research, something caused me to turn to Georgia. In Crams 1885 there was a tiny town, population 75, on the W edge of Sumter County, named Plains of Dura. In Crams 1911 the population had grown to 400. In Leslies 1919, listed just as plain Plains, there is also a Parcel Post Guide Section showing Plains as being in Zone Square 1784. Rand-McNally 1937 lists the pop. as 609, and it was 1 of 6 towns, all small, in the US by the name of Plains. Two sources in '72 - '73 show the pop. as 683 - so you see it is growing.

S.Y.M.W.A. on a KKK token, according to a mailbid catalog, means Spend Your Money With Americans. A "yin yang" symbol on a KKK is listed.

ROSWELL BARNES is a listed merchant on a CW token of Brighton Mich., but his names also turned up, as a property owner just a mile or two south of the Old Dutch Grocery, on an early map in the research story of the Old Dutch Grocery (see Jan 77 Junk Box). Also an 1859 map of Brighton lists him as a Justice of the Peace as well as a maker of boots & shoes.

A pinback button of recent years, 1¼" green on white, shows a dinosaur facing east, and says OBSTACLE COURSE/WASHTENAW AREA LIBRARIES. The things don't seem to fit together. Anyone know the purpose or meaning?

We expect US coins to have In God We Trust, but the Canadian Dawson Dollar also bears these words.